

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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FLOOD CONTROL
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to take any remedial steps to control flood in Eastern Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the efforts being made to complete pending River-Valley Projects with Indo-Nepal cooperation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) Flood Management is a State subject. The planning and execution of flood management works is primarily the responsibility of the States. These works are planned and implemented by the respective State Governments out of their own plan funds according to the priorities assigned by them to different works. The Centre renders assistance which are technical, catalytic and promotional in nature.

Ganga Flood Control Commission (GFCC) under the Ministry of Water Resources have however, prepared comprehensive plan of flood management for all the river causing floods in Ganga basin including rivers flowing through eastern Uttar Pradesh and forwarded the same to the State Governments for taking follow up action on the recommendation made in these plans. Both short-term and long-term measures have been suggested in these plans.

In 1996, the Government of India had set up Task Force for flood management in the Ganga Basin States. Thereafter, in the wake of unprecedented flood of 1998, the Government of India set up an Expert Group for suggesting effective flood measures for Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. The reports of the Task Force and Expert Group and their recommendations have been sent to the State Governments for their consideration and implementation.

With a view to provide financial assistance to the States to carry out river erosion works in critical reaches, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, viz, "Critical anti-erosion works in Ganga basin states and raising & strengthening of embankments along Kosi & Gandak rivers" has been formulated in IX Five Year Plan and is in operation. During the year 2000-2001 an amount of Rs.4 crore has been released against this scheme as an advance to the State of Uttar Pradesh to take up the anti erosion works.

For dealing with problems of inundation in the vicinity of Indo Nepal border a Standing Committee on Inundation Problems between India and Nepal has also been constituted in the year 1986 to take care of flood problems near Indo- Nepal border between two countries. Chairman, GFCC is the leader of the India team. 11 meetings of the Committee have been held so far, in which various issues relating to inundation problems near Indo-Nepal border have been discussed and decision taken thereon from time to time for needful action in the matter.

(c) The River Valley Projects with Indo Nepal cooperation under active consideration are:

- i) Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project on river Mahakali (Sarda in India)
- ii) Saptakosi High dam & Sunkosi Projects on river Kosi.
- iii) Kamla Multipurpose Project on river Kamla.
- iv) Bagmati Multipurpose Project on river Bagmati.

As regards Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project the preparation of Joint Detailed Project Report is in progress. For Saptakosi and Sunkosi Projects, the third meeting of Joint Team of Experts of India & Nepal was held in March 2001 in New Delhi to discuss the Project Inception Report as well as the issue of opening the Joint Project Office to prepare the Joint Detailed Project Report. Regarding Bagmati and Kamla Multipurpose Projects, the Joint efforts of the Government of India and Nepal to sort out the differences regarding some technical issues are under progress between the two Governments.